the Games, the estimated expenditure would be around Rs. 3,750.00 crores. This does not include security related expenditure, which is being dealt separately by Ministry of Home Affairs. Out of the above mentioned expenditure, funds for the conduct of the Games would be provided to the Organising Committee on a 'revenue-neutral' basis.

Visit of Commonwealth Games Management to the country

3029. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commonwealth Games management has visited our country to inspect the ongoing preparations for the Commonwealth Games to be held in India in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether management team has expressed dissatisfaction over the progress of ongoing preparations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is likely to adversely affect the image of our country at International level; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The President, Vice President and C.E.O. of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) are members of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee of the Commonwealth Games (OCCG). They visited Delhi in June, 2006 to attend a meeting of the Executive Board, OCC and held discussions with the various stakeholders concerned with the Organization of the Games. The CEO again visited India in July, 2006.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) In view of (c) above, do not arise.

Private sector contribution for organising Commonwealth Games

3030. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the upcoming Commonwealth Games 2010 is expected to cost India Rs. 7,000 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are looking forward to private sector contribution for this event; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) As per the proposals received from the various agencies concerned with the construction/development of venues and training infrastructure *viz.*, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and All India Tennis Association (AITA); upgradation of civic infrastrucutre, including transportation, etc. which is to be done by the Government of NCT of Delhi; the actual conduct of the Games by the Organising Committee; and preliminary estimates for the preparation of the teams for the Games, the estimated expenditure on Government account would be around Rs. 3,750 crore. Additional expenditure is expected to be incurred, particularly for Hotels or the Games Village and elsewhere, by the private sector on its own and through private-public partnerships. Besides, there would be security related expenditure, which is being dealt separately by Ministry of Home Affairs. Out of the above mentioned expenditure, funds for the conduct of the Games of the order of a little under Rs. 900 crores would be provided to the Organising Committee on a 'revenue-neutral' basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The DDA has proposed to develop accommodation for the athletics, etc. in the Games Village on a public-private partnership basis. In addition, the Organizing Committee has indicated that it would raise revenue through sponsorship, broadcasting, merchandizing, licensing etc., and efforts would also be made to secure maximum possible private sector participation by way of contributions/sponsorship especially in the form of value in kind. In addition to the existing partnership between the Indian Olympic Association and the Confedertion of Indian Industries, Government has begun interacting with various Chambers of Commerce and Industry.